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NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD

6 JUN 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: General George S. Brown, USAF
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

FROM : Stansfield Turner
Chairman

SUBJECT : Draft NATO Military Committee Estimates of Warsaw
Pact Strength and Capabilities (MC 161/77) and the
Military Significance to NATO of Warsaw Pact
Penetration and Military Presence in the Middle
East and North Africa and Adjacent Sea Areas
(MC 255/77)

1. In accordance with the "Agreed Procedures", the National Foreign Intelligence Board has reviewed the draft estimates on the above subjects by the Ad Hoc Intelligence Working Group under the direction of the NATO Military Committee.

2. The National Foreign Intelligence Board accepts these estimates as suitable for use in NATO planning and recommends that the Joint Chiefs of Staff authorize the U.S. Representative on the Military Committee to approve them for such use with one adjustment: that the designation KIEV be changed to read "KIEV Class Ship" wherever it appears in MC 161/77.

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, National Foreign Intelligence Board

VIA : Vice Chairman, National Foreign Intelligence Board /s/ JNM

FROM : Walter Elder
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT : NFIB Action on MC 161/77 and MC 255/77

1. Action Requested: That you sign the attached memorandum for the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. All NFIB members have concurred, except the representatives from Treasury and FBI, who abstained.

2. Background: The "Agreed Procedures" require NFIB to review the draft texts for MC 161/77 and MC 255/77 prepared by the NATO Ad Hoc Intelligence Working Group (AHIWG) that met in Brussels, 21 March to 1 April, and submit recommendations regarding them to the JCS.

3. The NFIB agencies concerned were represented in the US delegation to the AHIWG. In the judgment of the Delegation, the drafts submitted contained no significant departures from the approved US Position Papers for MC 161/77 and MC 255/77. The Delegation suggested that the NFIB recommend JCS approval of the texts for NATO planning purposes.

4. The one adjustment to MC 161/77 referred to in the last sentence of the memorandum--that the designation KIEV be changed to "KIEV Class Ship" wherever it appears--was suggested by DIA and concurred in by the other NFIB members.

for Walter Elder

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